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SUBJECT: ARGENTINE VESSELS IN THE CUBA TRADE

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1. EMBOFF PHONED CHIEF OF NORTH AMERICAN DESK, MINISTER MEDUS, TO SEEK VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION PROVIDED GEN WAGGENER BY ADMIRAL PEYRONEL (REFTEL). CONSEJERO JUAN MATHE TOOK THE CALL AND SAID THAT IN MEDUS' ABSENCE HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH ENTIRE CUBA TRADE ISSUE AND COULD SPEAK WITH AUTHORITY ON THE MATTER.

2. EMBOFF NOTED THAT AMBASSADOR HILL HAD MENTIONED PROBLEM OF ENTRE RIOS TO UNDER SECRETARY CARASALES DURING HIS JULY 24 MEETING. BEFORE EMBOFF COULD REFER TO INFO PROVIDED BY ADMIRAL PEYRONEL, MATHE INTERRUPTED TO SAY THAT HE WAS AUTHORIZED TO STATE IN CARASALES' NAME THAT THE ENTRE RIOS "WOULD NOT LOAD SO MUCH AS A PIN" IN CUBA. EMBOFF ASKED IF THIS DID NOT MEAN THAT CARASALES COULD NOW GIVE ASSURANCES THAT GOA WOULD NOT BE USING ITS FLAG VESSELS IN THE CUBA TRADE. MATHE REPLIED IN THE NEGATIVE. HE STATED THAT THE MATTER OF GIVING ASSURANCES WAS A "POLITICAL" ISSUE AND HAD NOW GONE "FAR BEYOND" CARASALES FOR RESOLUTION. WHILE NOTING FACT NEITHER NORTH AM. DEPT OR CARASALES COULD GIVE ASSURANCES, MATHE WAS CAREFUL TO NOTE THAT NO DECISION HAD YET BEEN TAKEN.

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